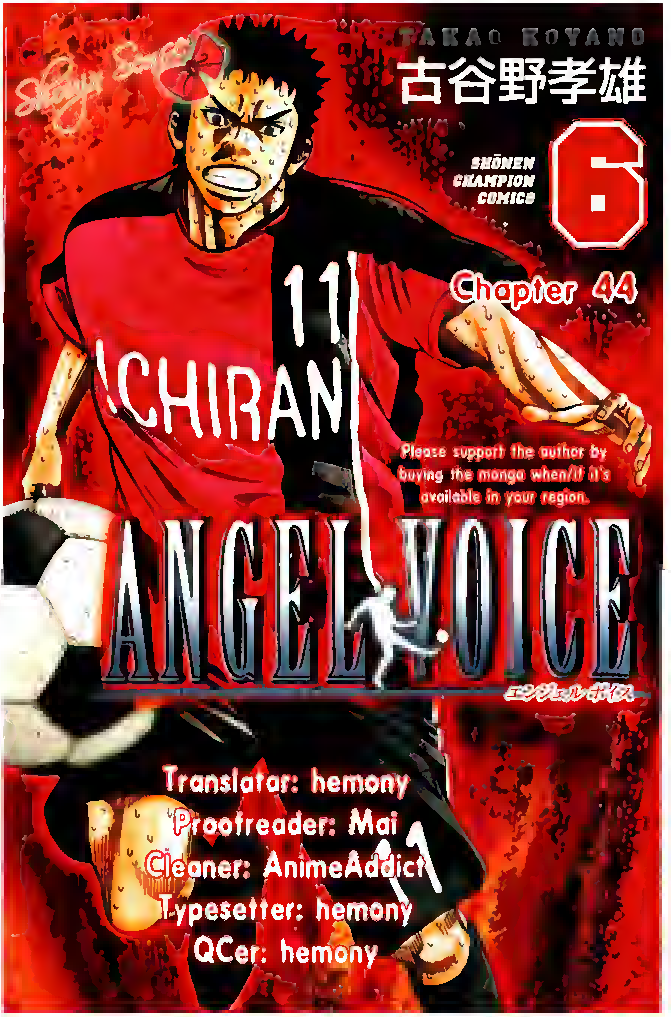
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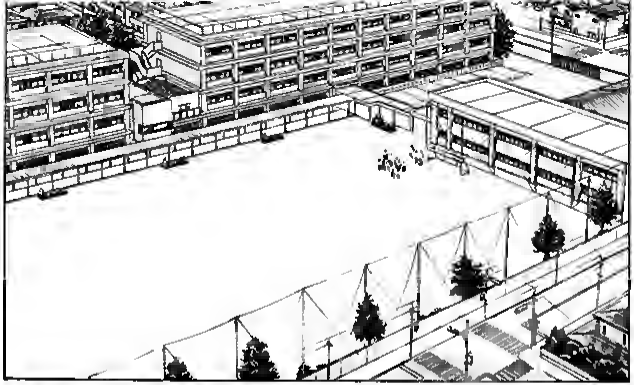

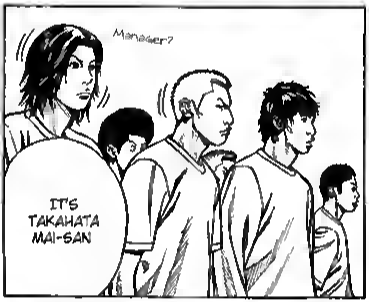

I couldn't control my impatience any longer so I started attending school earlier than planned.
I'M TAKAHATA MAI FROM 1ST YEAR CLASS 4.
It's been one week since I left hospital..

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I'M CALLED TOKORO-ZAWA
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M 2ND YEAR MOMOSE, NICE TO MEET YOU.
HIRONO AND YAMAMORI
—AH— 1ST YEARS.
NICE TO MEET YOU
I'll do my best.
Shouldn't it be full of scary looking people?
NICE TO MEET YOU

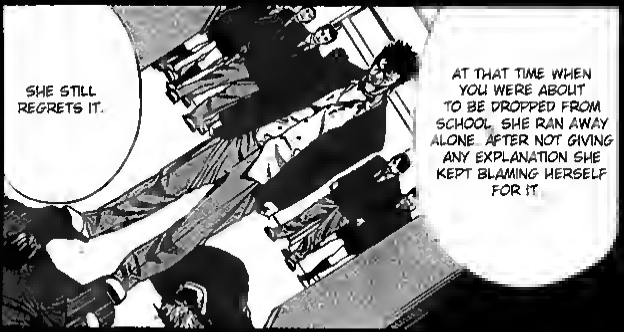
Shoujo Sense

Hmm?
YEAH
HMM?

FOR REAL?
MAI-CHAN SAID SHE WANTS TO BE THE MANAGER FOR THE SOCCER CLUB?

THERE IS ALSO THAT THING.

WE HAVE AT LEAST THREE GUYS WHO BULLIED MAI-CHAN THERE.
...BUT IS THAT FINE?


SHE STILL REGRETS IT.
AT THAT TIME WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO BE DROPPED FROM SCHOOL, SHE RAN AWAY ALONE. AFTER NOT GIVING ANY EXPLANATION SHE KEPT BLAMING HERSELF FOR IT.

SURELY WON'T RECOGNIZE HER WITH MAKE-UP
THOSE THREE
SO KIND ...
MA-CHAN'S...
ROGER.
BE CAREFUL BECAUSE IF YOU SAY SOMETHING UNCALLED FOR THE ATMOSPHERE MIGHT TURN AWKWARD.
BUT SHE SURELY IS PLAIN.
TWITCH
What?
Let's let the only adult here - Nariyuki - watch over it.
It's as Ruka said, they don't seem to recognize her
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT A FEMALE MANAGER WOULD COME TO SUCH A PLACE.

IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT WAS A PRETTIER ONE.
IF WE GET A MANAGER

SFX: BANG BONG
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DON'T MESS WITH US!!
MY HAND MOVED ON ITS OWN!!
You did a good job. My right hand!

WHAT? BASTARD!!
... SUDDENLY

STOP THAT, GUYS!!
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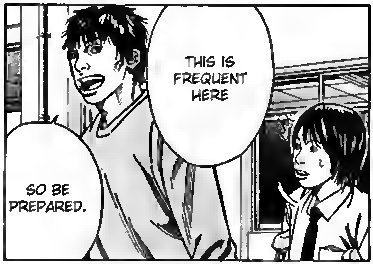
SFX PUNCH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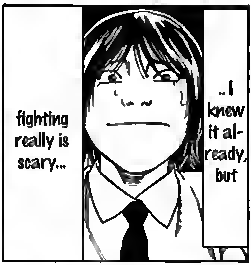
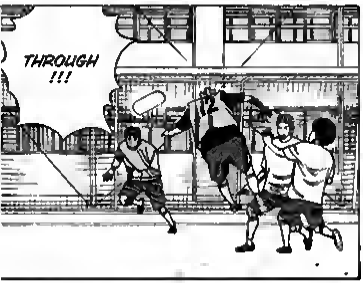
SO BE PREPARED.


..I knew it already, but
fighting really is scary...

YES.

Shoujo Sense

SEX KICK



SFX BANG
SFX KICK

awazing!!
A-...

THEY ALL KNOW IT

SOMEHOW
DON'T THEY SEEM MORE MOTIVATED THAN USUAL?

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AT TODAY'S INTER-HIGH PRELIMINARIES FINALS
YATSUNO WAS BEATEN BY FUNAGAKU 3 TO 0

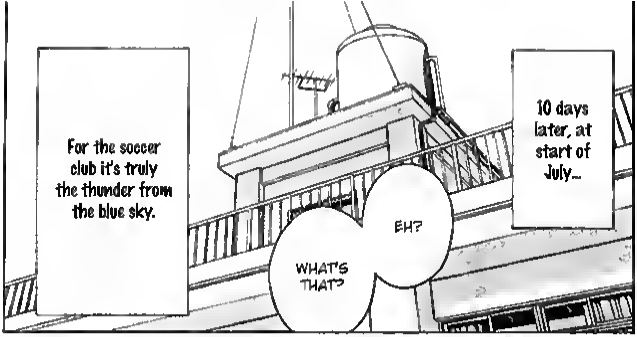
WE'RE ALREADY FED UP WITH BEING 2ND IN THE NATION.
They couldn't take even one point.

Just how strong is Funagaku?

SHUT UP!!
I'M GOOD ALONE!!
PASS IT TO ME!! NARITA,
HERE!!
Just as Momose said, as a team we are now we need to absorb various things during the match.
There's no meaning if we just shout at Datou Funagaku
someday...
All players are unknown, but
THEY'RE GOOD.

but someday
to shout from the heart at Funagaku...

DON'T GIVE UP ON CLIMBING UP.
FEEL THE MOUNTAIN'S HEIGHT IN REALITY

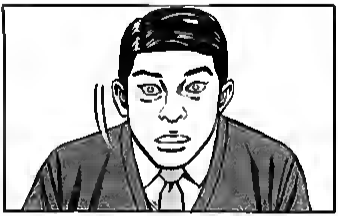

For the soccer club it's truly the thunder from the blue sky.
10 days later, at start of July...
EH?
WHAT'S THAT?

AS I SAID...

THE PREFECTURE TOURNAMENT WILL START SOON. THE SOCCER CLUB WILL BE ABOLISHED IF THEY DON'T GET INTO THE BEST 4.

...B-.. BUT I HEARD SO
DON'T GO SPOUTING RANDOM THINGS!!
TO GET INTO THE BEST 4
IT'S TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE
SFX KIHIH!
WH-- WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
キヒヒ...
THE CLUB'S ABOLISHMENT IS DECIDED

SE-...
SENSEI!!
ONLY THE TEACHERS KNEW ABOUT THAT CONDITION.
DID SOMEONE LEAK IT?
IT BECAME A RUMOR THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.
TODAY, THE MATCH-UP FOR THE 1ST ROUND OF CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES WAS DECIDED.
on such a day.
...From all the times



OUR 1ST MATCH OPPONENT
ISN'T SOMEONE WHO OUR SOCCER CLUB CAN WIN OVER.

BUT AREN'T SUCH STRONG SCHOOLS SEEDED AND APPEAR ONLY FROM THE 2ND ROUND AND AFTER?

TSUKI ISN'T A SOCCER CLUB, THEY'RE ON OUR SIDE
THERE WERE SOME CIRCUMSTANCES SO THEY APPEARED IN 1ST ROUND

ENOUGH, CALM DOWN.
CALM DOWN, GUYS
WHAT'S THAT? COACH!!
WE DIDN'T HEAR OF THAT!!
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT NEEDING TO GET INTO THE BEST 4 TO NOT BE ABOLISHED?
IT IS
TRUE?
IS THAT RUMOR

...
ALL THE SOCCER CLUB MEMBERS ARE
NOW FEELING MORE PRESSURE.
LET'S ENJOY THEIR FIRST AND THE LAST REGULAR GAME.